Introduced by Senator Knight

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 1104.3 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 838, as introduced, Knight. Veterans' homes.

The Veterans' Homes Bond Act of 2000 requires the proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under that act to be deposited in a newly established Veterans' Home Fund. That act requires that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in that fund be allocated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the construction and renovation of veterans' homes, and be allocated first to meet state funding requirements for the construction or renovation of those veterans' homes identified by a specified statute.

This bill would appropriate \$150,000 from the Veterans' Home Fund to the department for allocation to the California Veterans Home Project Team.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $^{2}/_{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1104.3 is added to the Military and
- 2 Veterans Code, to read:

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1 1104.3. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, an amount, not to exceed the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), is hereby continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, from the Veterans' Home Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for allocation to the California Veterans Home Project Team to be used for purposes described in Section 1104.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to provide necessary resources to construct and improve veterans' homes to provide adequate facilities for the care of the increasing numbers of veterans that are in urgent need of medical attention, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.